Handicapping Analysis
Mon June 15th, 2026

Emily's Analysis

Santa Anita Race 1

Post Time 3:00 PM CST

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#4 EMPIRE'S CLASSIC scratched from a tougher spot a few days ago when this card/race was added in. Going back to the 3/13 race they recorded a B OptixGRADE under today's $30kN3 condition and despite the 7th place outcome in the $50k starter on 4/26 recorded a competitive effort with the B- OptixGRADE making a WIDE CLOSE after a SLOG and less than ideal rider TACTIC- in running.

Santa Anita Race 3

Post Time 4:00 PM CST

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#8 NO JOKE ANTARES brings upside all around while already competitive at this level going back to last season. They recorded son of the higher figures in this field during that juvenile campaign including a B OptixGRADE on debut and in the 8/29 turf route MSW closing out the 2025 season. As they return here for the second start off the layoff and three-year-old campaign wheel back with a rider change following the 5/25 TACTIC- and from a physical standpoint should benefit from the PREP and STRETCH out in distance here.

Santa Anita Race 6

Post Time 5:30 PM CST

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

With the early pace contested through #2 LITMUS TEST and #5 DECISIVE WIN, neither holding any value in their role in this race. The first run tracking trip should land with #4 SECURED FREEDOM upgraded with the MOVE GALLOP+ and STRETCH from the one-turn Pat Day Mile (G2) last month at CD. #7 ONE MORE FREUD also returning from that same common race and while finding the DROP technically here still has to prove themselves with the other graded stakes established runners in this field.